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AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of agricultural Science Centres are lagging behind in achieving their annual targets;

(b) if so, the details of such Centres, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of these Centres in each State particularly in Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the Government have initiated any action plan for revitalising these centres; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) : The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have established 261 Agricultural Science Centres, commonly called Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK).Out of these, 16 KVKs are yet to take up all the activities due to its recent approval after the change over of organization, delay in recruitment of staff, and of a few involving judicial process. The state-wise details of such KVKs are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): A detailed review of the performance of KVKs was made by constituting nine Quinquennial Review Teams (QRTs) during 1993-94, including one for Goa, Maharashtra and Western Madhya Pradesh. The Committee made a number of recommendations on identification of training needs, methodology of training and other technical programmes, linkage, functioning of Local Management Committee, operation of instructional farm, development of infrastructure, personnel and financial management. The recommendations of the Committee were implemented for improving the functioning of the KVKs.

(e)&(f) : Issues related to recruitment of staff and expediting judicial process have been taken up. Provision of funds has been made for development of infrastructure and other facilities for taking up all the activities by the KVKs.

Annexure

State-wise Details of KVKs.

State	No. of KVKs	District
Arunachal Pradesh	1	West Siang
Bihar	5	Darbhanga, Vaishali Shekhpura, Muzzafarpur and Jahanabad
Jammu & Kashmir		Kathua
Karnataka	1	Kolar
Madhya Pradesh	2	Gwaliar and Bastar
Maharashtra	1	Satara
Mizoram	1	Lunglei
Tripura	1	South Tripura
Uttar Pradesh	2	Pillibhit and Lucknow
West Bengal	1	Jalpaiguri